

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1, line 2, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/013661, filed December 1, 2004 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of European Patent application No. 03028577.9 filed December 11, 2003. All of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1, line 2, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section with the new section heading, as follows:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1, line 2, as follows:

--The invention relates to a metallic protective layer as described in ~~claim 1~~ the claims and a layer system as described in ~~claim 3~~ the claims.--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 1, line 6, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 3, line 21, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 4, line 16, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

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In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 4, line 24, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--